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SUBJECT: PASSPORT VALIDATION FOR TRAVEL TO CUBA OF CLIFFORD C. DAVIS AND IRMA C. DRYDEN

REFERENCE: (A) KINGSTON 3269 AND (B) STATE ADM/KN/KK-376

1. UPON RECEIPT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S REFERENCED TELEX MESSAGE MRS. DRYDEN WAS INFORMED OF ITS CONTENTS. SHE IMMEDIATELY CORRECTED THE IMPRESSION THAT THE VISIT OF DR. DAVIS AND HERSELF TO CUBA WAS FOR BUSINESS REASONS. SHE STATED THAT SINCE HER ARRIVAL IN JAMAICA IN JULY 1959 SHE HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN THE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH PROJECT OF EXTRACTING HECOGENIN FROM SISAL WASTE. THE DEVELOPMENT HAS REACHED A VERY CRUCIAL STAGE WHEREBY IT IS IMPERATIVE FOR DR. DAVIS AND HERSELF TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATIVE RESEARCH ON THE QUALITY OF SISAL RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN CUBA WHEN THE OTHER JAMAICAN MEMBERS OF THE RESEARCH TEAM OF THE JAMAICA ORGANIC CHEMICALS LIMITED PARTICIPATED IN A MISSION LED BY THE HONORABLE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND FOREIGN TRADE, P.J. PATTERSON, IN APRIL, 1976.

2. DR. DAVIS AND MRS. DRYDEN, THE ONLY TWO NON-JAMAICANS OWING CONTROLLING SHARES IN THE COMPANY, WILL BE AT A DISADVANTAGE AS FAR AS THIS RESEARCH PROJECT IS CONCERNED SHOULD THEY NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS TECHNOLOGICAL ASPECT OF SISAL RESEARCH WHICH IS WITHIN THEIR REALM OF EXPERTISE.

3. THIS EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE MINISTRY OF
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INDUSTRY, TOURISM AND FOREIGN TRADE EXPRESSING THE INTEREST

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OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA INASMUCH AS "THIS PROJECT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO JAMAICA, AND IS EXPECTED TO REVITALIZE THE LOCAL SISAL INDUSTRY."

4. THIS EMBASSY IS OF THE OPINION THAT DR. DAVIS AND MRS. DRYDEN'S PROPOSED TRAVEL TO CUBA IS LEGITIMATELY RELATED TO A RESEARCH PROJECT AND RECOMMENDS THAT PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED FOR THE TRAVEL NOTWITHSTANDING THE INTEREST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA EXPECIALLY FROM AN ECONOMIC POINT OF VIEW.
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